

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GreenStone Farm Credit Services
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East Lansing, MI 48823

DECEMBER 14, 2011

TENTATIVE AGENDA – Revised 12/12/11

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| 9:00 a.m. | 1. | Call to Order and Roll Call |
| | 2. | Approval of Agenda (action item) |
| | 3. | Approval of Minutes from the November 9, 2011, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item) |
| | 4. | Next Scheduled Meeting (information only)
January 11, 2012, E.C. Heffron Laboratory, Williamston |
| 9:05 a.m. | 5. | Commissioner Travel and Commissioner Comments (action item) |
| 9:20 a.m. | 6. | Director's Report |
| | 7. | Director's Travel |
| 9:40 a.m. | 8. | Public Comment on Agenda Items
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| 9:50 a.m. | 9. | Rural and Economic Development Activities: Doug Smith, Senior Vice President, Michigan Economic Development Corporation (information only) |
| 10:10 a.m. | 10. | Timber Harvest on Federal Lands in the Upper Peninsula: Bill Bobier, Policy Specialist, and Stephen Shine, Pollution Prevention Section Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only) |
| 10:20 a.m. | 11. | 2011 Accomplishments – Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development: Gordon Wenk, Chief Deputy Director (information only) |
| 10:40 a.m. | 12. | Budget Update: Amy Epkey, Budget Officer (information only) |
| 10:50 a.m. | | BREAK (5 min.) |
| 10:55 a.m. | 13. | Rail Infrastructure Needs and Opportunities: Jim Byrum, President, Michigan Agri-Business Association (information only) |
| 11:10 a.m. | 14. | Varnum Group Services and Activities to Support the Food and Agriculture Industry: Steve Kluting, Partner and Co-Chair, Food Law Group, Varnum LLP (information only) |

- 11:30 a.m. 15. **Regional Placemaking:** Mark A. Wyckoff, Professor and Director, Planning and Zoning Center at Michigan State University and Senior Associate Director, Land Policy Institute (information only)
- 11:50 a.m. 16. **Generally Accepted Agriculture and Management Practices – Recommendation:** Janet Kauffman, Vice President, Environmentally Concerned Citizens of South Central Michigan (information only)
- 12:00 p.m. 17. **Commission Policy Manual – Right to Farm Policy:** Jim Johnson, Director, and Wayne Whitman, Right to Farm Program Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division (action item)
- 12:10 p.m. 18. **Generally Accepted Agriculture and Management Practices Preface Language – Urban Agriculture:** Jim Johnson, Director, Environmental Stewardship Division (action item)
- 12:25 p.m. 19. **Final Draft of the Generally Accepted Agriculture and Management Practices (GAAMPs):** Jim Johnson, Director, and Wayne Whitman, Right to Farm Program Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division; Manure Management and Utilization GAAMPs Chair, Dr. Dale Rozeboom, Professor and Extension Specialist, Department of Animal Science, MSU; Care of Farm Animals GAAMPs Chair, Dr. Janice Swanson, Director of Animal Welfare, Department of Animal Science, MSU; Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Production Facilities GAAMPs Review Committee Member, Gerald May, MSU Extension Educator; Irrigation GAAMPs Chair, Dr. Steve Miller, Professor, Department of Biosystems and Agriculture Engineering, MSU. (action item)
- Care of Farm Animals (changes)
 - Irrigation Water Use (changes)
 - Manure Management and Utilization (changes)
 - Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Production Facilities (changes)
 - Cranberry Production (changes)
 - Farm Markets (changes)
 - Nutrient Utilization (changes)
 - Pesticide Utilization and Pest Control (changes)
- 12:55 p.m. 20. **Legislative Update:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 1:05 p.m. 21. **Commissioner Issues**
- Retirement Resolution for Lew Coulter (action item)
- 1:15 p.m. 22. **Public Comment**
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- 1:30 p.m. 23. **Adjourn**